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From the bidding of this hand and the looks of the dummy, it wasn't hard for Mr. Dale to place practically all the outstanding high cards with Mrs. Keen. But this kind of knowledge is no good unless you know how to use it, Mr. Dale did.

He won the opening lead of the 10 of diamonds with the ace and paused to look the situation over. He decided that if he led a club up toward dummy's king, Mrs. Keen would take two club tricks and two diamond tricks to defeat the contract immediately.

In fact the only chance of making the hand appeared to lie in the establishment of dummy's heart suit. So at trick two Mr. Dale led a heart to the ace, cashed the king and followed with a third round which he ruffed in his hand with the ace of spades.

East dealer  
Neither side vulnerable

North (Mr. Masters)  
S-K 10 8  
H-A K 7 6 2  
D-8 6 2  
C-K 5

West (Mr. Abel)  
S-6 5 2  
H-8 4 3  
D-10 9  
C-10 8 9 4 2

East (Mrs. Keen)  
S-7 3  
H-Q J 10  
D-K Q J 7 4  
C-A Q J

South (Mr. Dale)  
S-A Q J 9 4  
H-9 5  
D-A 5 3  
C-9 7 3

The bidding:  
East 1D South 1S West Pass North 3S

He was delighted to note that the hearts broke 3-3. Now if neither opponent showed up with as many as four spades, the contract was home.

Mr. Dale cashed the queen of spades and then led a small spade to dummy's king, Lucky again! The spades broke 3-2. The last enemy spade was picked up by dummy's 10 spot and Mr. Dale led the two good hearts from the board and discarded a diamond and a club from his hand.

During the play Mrs. Keen had to discard exactly right to prevent Mr. Dale from making 11 tricks. At this point she was down to the king and queen of diamonds and the ace and queen of clubs.

When Mr. Dale led a diamond from the board at the 10th trick she won with the queen and played the king of diamonds. Mr. Dale ruffed this and lost the last two tricks to Mrs. Keen's ace-queen of clubs.

Note how carefully Mrs. Keen played to keep the old master from making an extra trick. If her last four cards had been D-K Q J and C-A, Mr. Dale could have led a club from dummy at trick 10, automatically setting up the king.

If she had discarded down to D-K and C-A Q J, a diamond lead at trick 10 would put her in and she would have to lead away from her club holding, again making dummy's king of clubs good for a trick.

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## Fisheries Official Greatly Impressed With BC Industry

Has To Be Seen To Be Realized—Visit to Prince Rupert Culminating Incident

Facts and figures, no matter how fully set forth, can never give one a clear picture of the great importance of the fishing industry of British Columbia. One has to see the industry in action to appreciate its magnitude.

C. Gordon O'Brien of Ottawa, manager of the Fisheries Council of Canada, has been doing just that during an intensive tour of the industry on this coast during the past ten days and he has been greatly impressed.

He visited the salmon fishery on the Fraser River, saw operations along the Vancouver waterfront, went to Vancouver Island topped his trip off by coming up the coast on the steamer Quilliam aboard which he arrived in Prince Rupert yesterday afternoon. On the way he had a fine sight of the boats coming and going at Namu and the major operation of fish processing there.

Between the time of his arrival and departure back to Vancouver today by plane he had a busy time. Yesterday afternoon he visited the new cannery of the Canadian Fishing Co. here. Today he saw the B. C. Packers cold storage plant at Seal Cove, the new Royal Fish Co. plant and went to see Nelson Bros. Fisheries Ltd. salmon cannery and reduction plant at Port Edward.

Last evening he and Francis Miller, veteran coast salmon cannery operator and president of the Fisheries Council of Canada, who is accompanying him, were guests of honore and a reception and dinner by the Wholesale Fish Dealers' Association of Prince Rupert. J. C. Gilker, president. Also with Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Miller was Jack MacDonald, secretary of the Salmon Canning Operators' Committee of British Columbia.

Mr. O'Brien said that the object of his trip was to find out as much as he could about the industry and he had certainly seen and heard a great deal. He explained why the Fisheries Council, a trade association representing the industry, was in existence and something of what it was doing. One important function was as a liaison between operators and government and, in this connection, he expressed appreciation of the co-operation of officials.

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